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WISE GUYS—SCRAM...

Tonight there is going to be a blackout. We mean that and the government means it. This will be no piddling experiment with no authority to back it up. Either you get your lights out and get inside or risk a fifty dollar fine. This, in effect, is what Chapel Hill authorities have said and this is what they mean. YOU WILL BE ARRESTED IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW BLACKOUT REGULATIONS.

The last blackout was of very mediocre success. Dozens of students prowled the campus to see what was going on. That blackout was observed only by dorms, fraternity and sorority houses. Class-rooms remained lighted as well as administrative buildings throughout the campus. Every building must be darkened tonight and every person must be inside. Consult blackout instructions elsewhere in this paper for complete details and follow them.

This blackout is not being run off merely to satisfy the whims of a group. It is being held in accordance with government rules and it is being held to protect you, not to afford you a chance to raise hell.

It is a sad reflection on the mentality of this student body that they can not remain quiet and cooperative for at least a half hour while a blackout is in effect. We hope that they will calm down for this blackout and show more cooperation than they did in the last. Their lack of willingness to help then is partly responsible for the strict law that has been put in effect to govern this and future blackouts.

The United States is more than ever liable to air-raids since our recent attacks on Japan. We can certainly expect them. Where they will hit, no one knows but this section of the country must be prepared.

We also repeat what we have stated before that many of you come from towns where blackouts are of even more importance than they are here. You must become familiar with their workings in preparation for the day when you may have to go through a real air-raid at home.

Quit being childish. Take the blackout tonight more seriously. Do not let it be necessary for a Chapel Hill court to fine you for lack of cooperation.

DON'T WAIT—DO IT NOW!...

(Editor's Note: This editorial is taken from material released by the Defense Savings Staff of the Treasury Department.)

If American armies decided to "put off" fighting for a week; if our naval forces determined to halt the hunt for enemy submarines until next month—how long would America remain free?

If the producers of armaments "just forgot" to turn out guns and tanks and planes; if American generals "didn't have time" to map our campaigns—how long would America remain an independent democracy?

This is a war of minutes; procrastination has become synonymous with perfidy. And yet...

While we can't think of one person who hasn't commented favorably on United States Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps, and who hasn't said, "I'm going to start buying Defense Stamps without fail!"—we can think of several people who have "delayed their purchasing," who "won't start buying for a few days," or who had "just forgotten" to buy a Stamp.

We want to make plain our assurance that it is vitally important for students to invest their dimes and quarters in the United States as wholeheartedly, as regularly, and as systematically as their parents invest their pay-day dollars.

Wholeheartedly, regularly, and systematically... just as our war is more than one isolated infantry attack; just as it requires much more

than one concerted naval drive; and just as it necessitates infinitely more than a single bombing flight—everything we do must be continuous, unflinching, and constant.

There is more to this war than victory; America is fighting not only for today, but for tomorrow... for future peace and for the future good of all peoples. The Bonds and Stamps we buy are not only fighting the war, but fighting for the peace.

Students of American colleges are thinking about this world to come; many of them are fighting for it. We who remain here are talking about it, reading about it, planning for it. We must also help pay for it, just as all Americans must help.

The dimes and quarters we set aside are important to the war effort, yes; but only if they are put aside regularly and systematically, only if they reflect both the urgency of paying for this war, and the continuous, dynamic philosophy behind it.

Make a pledge to yourself. Remembering that our search in the seas and the sky is continuous, that the flow of machines and munitions is never-ending, pledge yourself to fall in line with America.

Start buying Defense Stamps today. Start buying them regularly. And do not waver from your course.

TREASURE HUNT...

Baby-Esquire and Graham Memorial's co-sponsored Treasure Hunt for next week still seems to have us guessing. The sample clues published by the Combination staff yesterday were either accused of being "too hard" or "plain simple." Today we publish a few more nuts for you to crack; the solutions to yesterday's you will find on the last page. The Baby-Esquire staff is still struggling with the actual clues for the bonafide Treasure Hunt

beginning next week, but they have asked that all would-be sleuths intending to enter the Hunt next week let them know how these samples are. Drop us a postcard and let us know if you want them harder or easier. Now take out your pencil and go to work! Rip these out and compare to tomorrow's solutions.

SAMPLE CLUE No. 1

"Speaker, DTH Editor, Bette Davis, WAPres, Osculation, VicePrexy, Sang Tangereen, Democrat, Most-Hated, Socially Conscious."

SAMPLE CLUE No. 2

In a dirty attic —but it's not in Wettach, In a grimy corner —study the verse closely Or you'll be a mourner.

SAMPLE CLUE No. 3

Y R I A D O F R E T N U O C O T O G

SAMPLE CLUE No. 4

"Work your way through the following square, Start at upper-left corner, don't tear your hair. Go up and down, left and to right, Even diagonally, till you end lower-right.

B E U A N O O
A C F L L D K
R E A P R H S
R T A R A B U
I G L O T H I
H T L F U L N
P I S O D I G

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Letters

Complete Facts on Browder Case Cleared Up by Beale

To the Editor:

By failure to present the whole truth, the Daily Tar Heel, in its stories about faculty members and the Earl Browder petition, has left false impressions that need clearing up. Brief newsstories cannot present the basic issues at stake in a situation like the Browder case by pointing out that the faculty men who were interested in that case were concerned, not about communism, but about democracy.

The fact is perhaps interesting that the writer of the article did not take the trouble to check the accuracy of the detail about the present writer. It happens that I did not "tell my class" but discussed the question on their initiative with a group of individuals gathered in the classroom during the chapel period. In the group was one member of another class trying to study during the chapel hour. This inaccuracy would be unimportant except that I happen to belong to the group in the faculty who make it a matter of principle to do this expressing of opinions outside of class and to teach the subject of the course during the class, even when the temptation is strong to turn the class period into a "bull session." The further statement that I did not have a chance to sign the petition is inaccurate, since I did have the opportunity to sign it presented to me in a letter from a New York committee. Through my usual desire to sleep over any kind of statement of whatever complexion before signing it, I put the petition aside and then in the pressure of work neglected to give it further consideration. These inaccuracies are unimportant except in so far as they indicate the wisdom, seldom exercised, of checking hearsay stories about faculty members or anybody else before repeating them. I did say that I should have been glad to sign the petition. I should appreciate the Tar Heel's publishing the rest of what I said, for so far it has not published the essential parts of the petition story.

The before-class "bull session" opened with a question from a student as to whether I did not think Dr. Graham had been extremely unwise in signing a petition in support of a communist. I asked the student what had been unwise about the request made in the petition. Another student replied that such acts on the part of the President of the University injured the University by creating the impression that the University faculty was full of Communists. I again asked what there was in the petition to create this impression. Since the boy did not seem to know what the issues involved were but had merely been impressed by a casual reading of the Tar Heel that Dr. Graham had somehow associated himself iniquitously with communism, I tried to state the issues that would have led me to join Dr. Graham in signing the petition.

These issues as I understand them are the following: Earl Browder, leader of the Communist party, was found by government investigators to have been guilty of the punishable offense of swearing falsely in order to obtain a passport to travel abroad under an assumed name. Perhaps this seemed necessary because he wished to travel through countries where governments, against which we are now fighting to protect democratic liberties, punish people severely for their political views and did not like Mr. Browder's. Perhaps he had less defensible reasons for falsifying. In any case, he was proved guilty. I am sure neither Dr. Graham nor I would criticize officers of the law for inflicting a penalty for a proved offense. This offense was, however, a relatively minor one and the penalty but the severity of the penalty seemed obviously to have resulted from the fact that Mr. Browder held and voiced political opinions that were unpopular and feared, before Russia's entry into the war on the side we liked made us the glad ally of the government that is based upon the views Mr. Browder then held. Under democratic laws, I pointed out, it was legal for Mr. Browder to hold and to advocate the views that made him unpopular. Insofar as the severity of the sentence resulted not from the offense he was proved guilty of but from the holding of political views generally disliked and feared, I felt the length of

his sentence was a violation of democratic liberties.

I explained that I did not find Mr. Browder personally attractive, and that I disagree and always have disagreed with his views. I recalled that when Mr. Browder was here as the guest of the CPU I had a vigorous argument with him over views he expressed at a dinner. But just as a matter of practical tactics it is unwise to make martyrs. Martyrdom makes converts arguments could never make. I expressed my belief that Mr. Browder had not made many converts in the past and would not in the future if allowed full liberty to argue for his beliefs, because our American way of life was so preferable to the one he advocates. I expressed my belief that false views are not dangerous so long as we are all free to argue against them but that, driven under ground, they may become dangerous.

I expressed my belief that punishing people for their political tenets is a more serious threat to democracy than Mr. Browder at large could ever be, and I recalled earlier causes celebres like the Tom Mooney case, the Sacco-Vanzetti case, and years ago the Haymarket riot convictions, where men had been punished, not for the crime for which they were arrested, but for the holding of views that many Americans felt ought to land them in jail whether they were guilty or not. I urged that sentencing men even to a longer term than otherwise for their political beliefs was un-American and a threat to democracy. I argued that now that we are fighting a war "to preserve the democratic way of life" it is more important than ever for leaders like Dr. Graham to take stands against violations of democratic liberties at home, lest while we are fighting to keep fascism out of the front door it enter by the back door through the misguided acts of our own citizens. I pointed out that punishing people for their political beliefs is Hitler's method and violates the fundamentals of our American democracy.

The student then raised the point that even if this was all true, still it was unwise for people like Dr. Graham to do things that are misunderstood back home where such acts look like support for communism. I urged that, on the contrary, stands like this taken by Dr. Graham and the discussion that arises out of them are the best means of educating people to what democracy really means. I suggested that it is terribly important in a world where democracy's very survival is at stake to have men like Dr. Graham defend the processes of democracy—even when doing so is unpopular with the folks back home—and that his courage in doing so makes him one of the best assets our democracy possesses.

The student still felt that, even though this was true, it hurt the University for him to sign such a petition. So finally I argued that, on the contrary, I thought this University was a great university BECAUSE President Graham and his predecessors and present and past members of the faculty have had the courage to promote progressive principles even when to do so momentarily threatened to injure the University in material ways with people back home until people back home have been brought to understand what maintaining a real university means. This University has a great reputation because, above other Southern institutions and more than most American universities of whatever section, it has led in spreading progressive ideas and in teaching true democracy and has maintained the freedom to do so even at times when democratic ideals are under attack.

Democracy desperately needs more and more Frank Gramms who have the wisdom and the courage to assume leadership in defense of democratic liberties when the people back home are afraid of the realistic implications of democracy. Indeed, the best hopes of the world are the few remaining university communities like Chapel Hill where men still stand for what they consider truth and justice without fear of suppression or intimidation. Darkness is closing in around our civilization most ominously. Few of the beacons of the freedom and enlightenment so essential to the democratic and

across the desk...

Somewhere between Carrboro and Durham, Greensboro and Chapel Hill, Asheboro and Pittsboro the editor of the Daily Tar Heel lost his pocket book yesterday. As usual, there was not a single penny therein, but according to the editor there was one or two valuable bits of paper. It is hoped that the finder will please return the lost article to Mr. Campbell at the Daily Tar Heel or the Club Steele Terrace Apartments.

"Co-Op Delegates Talk Co-Opportunities Here," read a headline recently in the Daily Texan, paper at the University of Texas. Upon reading the story we discovered that most of the "co-opportunities" of this system of living could well be applied here. Among those mentioned were:

The economic benefits to be gained through a cooperative program for college students was pointed out as one of the most practical on the list. But there is more to Co-Ops than the mere saving of money. It is a place to show people what can be done together... to show them everything that can be gained by a system of cooperation between humans who do together what couldn't be accomplished alone.

There is also the privilege of owning the products the Co-Op members use. One Co-Op at Texas built and operated its own house completely.

Co-Op members learn a way of living, and workable method of cooperation to obtain the comforts and privileges which are otherwise either difficult to obtain, or impossible to finance.

Co-Ops are the coming thing. Co-Ops will make it possible for poor boys to continue their education. They are already off to a good start on this campus. May they continue to increase.

Those who heard Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge Wednesday night got a good laugh when Ish Kibbible asked Kay Kyser how he liked his new war suit.

Kay replied, "Fine, but why do you call it a war suit."

Whereupon Ish answered by saying that "it was worn by my grandfather, worn by my father, and now it's worn by me."

Now that elections are over it's impossible to get anyone to work. Business Bill Schwartz will have to start selling advertising again. Yackety-Yack Editor Charlie Tillet will have to put the finishing touches on the year book by himself. It is doubtful Tar an' Feathers or the Carolina Mag will ever come out.

We noticed this appalling situation yesterday when our secretary failed to show up for a three o'clock appointment. Heretofore it has taken us seven hours to get out the edit page when she was present. With her not here we did it in two. This means that every day we've been wasting five hours on a secretary. And to think we thought we were working all this time.

'Tis rumored that quite a bit of kick-a-poo juice will be consumed by several fraternities this week-end. If things are as wet as we've been led to believe we're going to wear our rain coat to May Frolics.

it happens here...

10:30 — Freshmen, sophomores meet advisers at appointed places.

10:30—Religious council meets in YMCA.

1:30—Coed Senate meets in Caldwell hall.

11:00—May Frolics opens in the Tin Can.

Christian ways of life are left burning. This University is one of them. Let's stop criticizing busy Frank Graham for taking a stand for democratic justice because some of us did not see it quite that way. Let's cheer and support President Graham instead in his effort to keep this one Chapel Hill beacon burning. We can do this by explaining to those folks back home why it is so important to keep Dr. Graham and this University unhindered in their defense of democratic liberty and the pursuit of truth against attacks at home, even when those attacks are made by the sincere and well-meaning of Americans, even when those Americans think that what they are doing is to protect America against a threat of communism.

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